

## **Department of Financial Institutions Statement on Phishing**

The Indiana Department of Financial Institutions has received reports that callers posing as representatives from the State of Indiana or the Department of Financial Institutions have been contacting individuals asking for personal information allegedly to ensure that deposits are insured by the FDIC. These calls are fraudulent.

The Indiana Department of Financial Institutions examines and regulates banks and credit unions chartered in Indiana and will never contact individuals regarding their personal accounts at banks or credit unions. Be suspicious of phone calls or any contact from someone posing to be a “bank examiner” or an “employee” of your bank or credit union.

The Indiana Department of Financial Institutions wants you to be aware of these attempts to commit scams against bank customers, especially the elderly, so that you may guard against this type of fraud.

While a scammer contacting consumers might appear trustworthy, the scammer seeks one thing: to obtain personal information - including account numbers and balances, Social Security numbers, credit card numbers and any other personal financial information - to fraudulently take money from consumers.

If someone contacts you purporting to be an examiner or employee of the State of Indiana, then please take these steps immediately:

1. Contact your financial institution so that they are aware that someone tried to scam you. Your financial institution may see the same thing happening with other customers and report this to your local law enforcement or your regional FBI office.
2. Contact the Indiana Department of Financial Institutions at 1-800-382-4880
3. Contact your nearest law enforcement agency